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21st Century City Conference Is Advanced Thinking For Urban Lifestyles Of Tomorrow

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What should the 21st century offer besides jobs and housings in the successful urban area like Dallas? According to the [21st Century City Conference](#) this Friday at Dallas City Hall, there is a

“shift taking place in the way we build out our cities. We seek a more humane city, one that allows for the complexities of diverse lifestyles while offering serene and quiet places that feed the soul. We want a city that is vibrant and alive and we want, once again, to learn from nature.”

To discuss this futuristic hope for city dwellers, the conference (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) will have the following speakers and panel:

- “A More Humane City” — **Rutherford H. Platt**, Ph.D.
- “A Rebirth of the City Park” — **Peter Harnik**
- “American Cities in 2050” — **Joel Kotkin**
- “Experiencing the Soul of the City” — **Larry Beasley**
- “Nature and Our Public Health” — **Ignacio Bunster-Ossa**

Panel discussion: “The Role of Art and Culture” with **Margie Johnson Reese**, **Veletta Forsythe Lill**, **Zenetta S. Drew** and **Clara Borja Hinojosa**

You can still [register](#) and there’s even a “beers, bites and conversation” reception afterwards at The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture.